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NIPSCO TO BEGIN REMEDIATION WORK AT FORMER MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT SITE IN JANUARY 2009

FORT WAYNE, Ind. --- Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced today that environmental remediation work at the site of a former manufactured gas plant located at the northwest corner of Superior and Lafayette Streets is scheduled to begin in January 2009.

NIPSCO estimates remediation work at the site should be completed by May 1, 2009.

The work will include both the excavation of impacted soil from the base of a former underground gas storage structure and stabilization of additional subsurface soil at the site through a process utilizing cement-based material. When completed, the work should allow for the continued safe and long-term use of the site.

NIPSCO is conducting this project in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). As required by the VRP, IDEM has reviewed and approved the remediation plan for the site to assure it addresses any health and environmental protection issues.

While a section of Barr Street north of Superior will be closed during the project, access to Club Soda, Headwaters Park and the city parking lot will continue to be available from both Barr and Clinton Streets.

Some mobilization and delivery of equipment and materials, along with the installation of security fencing, will begin at the site in mid-December.

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Manufactured gas plants, common across America beginning in the early 1800s through the mid 1950s, produced “town gas” by roasting coal, coke and/or oil in a closed vessel. The gas was then stored in large natural gas holders and used early on for lighting streets, homes and businesses and later for cooking and home heating. The plant at the Superior Street site operated between 1851 and 1948.

The era of manufactured gas plants ended with the construction of the interstate pipeline system. When these plants closed, coal tar was often left on the property in underground structures which, in some cases, impacted soil and water many years later requiring environmental remediation of the property.

Additional information regarding the remediation project is available at the Allen County Public Library. A fact sheet for this project, which has been distributed to government officials, community leaders and site neighbors, is also attached.

About NIPSCO

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.8 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at www.nipSCO.com.